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PROPOSED EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Claim 63 (Currently Amended). A printing information distribution apparatus which is adapted to be operably connected to portable information terminals and printers, the apparatus comprising:

5 communication means for, when one of the portable information terminals accesses the apparatus through a wireless communication network, reading a content selection screen image and a print format selection screen image which are stored in a memory, and for transmitting the read content selection screen
10 image and the read print format selection screen image to the one of the portable information terminals which accesses the apparatus;

reception means for receiving a content name and print format information transmitted from the one of the portable
15 information terminals which accesses the apparatus, the print format information comprising at least sheet selection information indicating a type of a printing sheet, and for storing the received content name, the received print format information, and a user identification of the one of the portable
20 information terminals in a reservation information storage means with the received content name, the received print format information, and the user identification being associated with each other;

generation means for reading the content name and the print
25 format information from the reservation information storage
means, for generating a print content based on the read content
name and the read print format information, and for transmitting
via an electronic mail a print preparation complete notification
to the one of the portable information terminals which accesses
30 the apparatus; [[and]]

distribution means for, when one of the printers accesses
the apparatus through the wireless communication network, reading
a user identification input screen image stored in the memory,
for transmitting the user identification input screen image to
35 the one of the printers which accesses the apparatus, for
receiving a user identification of a portable information
terminal transmitted from the one of the printers which accesses
the apparatus, and for transmitting the print content generated
by the generation means and the print format information which
40 are associated with the received user identification to the one
of the printers which accesses the apparatus, and at least one
of:

printing service utilization reservation limiting means for
limiting the subject matter of the print content which can be
45 printed based upon preferences of an operator of the one of the
printers being utilized by the user; and

advertising application limiting means for limiting a type
of advertisement placed with the print content being printed
based upon preferences of a provider of the print content.

Claim 66 (Currently Amended). A printing information distribution apparatus which is adapted to be operably connected to portable information terminals and printers, the apparatus comprising:

5 a communication unit configured to, when one of the portable information terminals accesses the apparatus through a wireless communication network, read a content selection screen image and a print format selection screen image which are stored in a memory, and to transmit the content selection screen image and
10 the read print format selection screen image to the one of the portable information terminals which accesses the apparatus;

a reception unit configured to receive a content name and print format information transmitted from the one of the portable information terminals which accesses the apparatus, the print
15 format information comprising at least sheet selection information indicting a type of a printing sheet, and configured to store the received content name, the received print format information, and a user identification of the one of the portable information terminals in a reservation information storage unit
20 with the received content name, the received print format information, and the user identification being associated with each other;

a generation unit configured to read the content name and the print format information from the reservation information
25 storage unit, to generate a print content based on the read

content name and the read print format information, and to transmit via an electronic mail a print preparation complete notification to the one of the portable information terminals which accesses the apparatus; [[and]]

30 a distribution unit configured to, when one of the printers accesses the apparatus through the wireless communication network, read a user identification input screen image stored in the memory, to transmit the user identification input screen image to the one of the printers which accesses the apparatus, to
35 receive a user identification of a portable information terminal transmitted from the one of the printers which accesses the apparatus, and to transmit the print content generated by the generation unit and the print format information which are associated with the received user identification to the one of
40 the printers which accesses the apparatus, and at least one of:
printing service utilization reservation limiting unit for limiting the subject matter of the print content which can be printed based upon preferences of an operator of the one of the printers being utilized by the user; and
45 advertising application limiting unit for limiting a type of advertisement placed with the print content being printed based upon preferences of a provider of the print content.

Claim 69 (Currently Amended). A computer readable storage medium having a computer program stored thereon that is executable by a computer to control a printing information

distribution apparatus which is adapted to be operably connected
5 to portable information terminals and printers to perform a
process comprising:

when one of the portable information terminals accesses the
printing information distribution apparatus through a wireless
communication network, reading a content selection screen image
10 and a print format selection screen image which are stored in a
memory, and transmitting the read content selection screen image
and the read print format selection screen image to the one of
the portable information terminals which accesses the apparatus;

receiving a content name and print format information
15 transmitted from the one of the portable information terminals
which accesses the apparatus, the print format information
comprising at least sheet selection information indicating a type
of a printing sheet;

storing the received content name, the received print format
20 information, and a user identification of the one of the portable
information terminals in a reservation information storage means
with the received content name, the received print format
information, and the user identification being associated with
each other;

25 reading the content name and the print format information
from the reservation information storage means;

generating a print content based on the read content name
and the read print format information;

transmitting via an electronic mail a print preparation
30 complete notification to the one of the portable information
terminals which accesses the apparatus;

when one of the printers accesses the apparatus through the
wireless communication network, transmitting the user
identification input screen image to the one of the printers
35 which accesses the apparatus;

receiving a user identification of a portable information
terminal transmitted from the one of the printers which accesses
the apparatus; [[and]]

transmitting the generated print content and the print
40 format information which are associated with the received user
identification to the one of the printers which accesses the
apparatus,

the process further consisting of at least one of:

limiting the subject matter of the print content which can
45 be printed based upon preferences of an operator of the one of
the printers being utilized by the user; and

limiting a type of advertisement placed with the print
content being printed based upon preferences of a provider of the
print content.